

CHAPTER NO. 955

HOUSE BILL NO. 3109

By Representatives Fowlkes, Head, Lois DeBerry and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2694

By Senators Kyle, Cooper, Herron, Dixon, Cohen, Person, Leatherwood and Mr. Speaker Wilder

AN ACT relative to the designation of bridges, highways and roads, or segments thereof, and the erection of signs reflecting such designations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the following segments of Interstate Highway 40 and Interstate Highway 240 in Shelby County are hereby designated as the "St. Jude Children's Research Highway": beginning at the Tennessee entrance to the Memphis-Arkansas Bridge on Interstate Highway 40 eastward to such route's intersection with Interstate Highway 240; then southward on Interstate Highway 240 to its intersection with Interstate Highway 55.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segments of Interstate Highway 40 and Interstate Highway 240 in Shelby County as the "St. Jude Children's Research Highway".

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain directional signs for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Interstate Highway 40 at Exit 1C (Danny Thomas Boulevard), both westbound and eastbound, in Shelby County.

SECTION 4. The directional signs provided for in Section 3 shall contain the following language:

"WELCOME TO MEMPHIS
HOME OF ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL".

SECTION 5. The erection of the signs provided for by this act shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 6. This act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 7. This act shall become operative only if there is funding provided for the implementation of this act in the General Appropriations Act or, alternatively, if St. Jude Children's Research Hospital remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Any such payment by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital shall be made prior to any expenditure by

the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 8. If the signs provided for hereunder are to be located on a road other than a road designated as an interstate highway, the local government having jurisdiction over the location of the signs may, in lieu of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital paying the estimated cost required by Section 7, supply the Department of Transportation the signs provided for in this act. Any signs supplied by local government must be manufactured in accordance with standards established by the Department of Transportation, including but not limited to, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 7, 2000

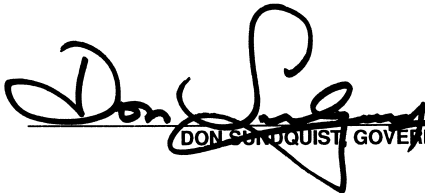


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APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2000



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